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Re: IATA's Application for Approval of Cargo Tariff Conference Resolutions Submitted  
In Docket OST-2003-14480-0

Dear Assistant Secretary Reynolds:

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has reviewed the comments submitted in response to IATA's Reply to comments submitted in opposition to the proposal to change the density standard for international air freight that was included in the application that IATA submitted in the above-referenced docket

It is obvious that IATA has not yet been able to persuade the representatives of important customers of its Member airlines that the proposed modification of the traditional density standard will not result in an automatic increase in the price for transporting air freight, but will produce efficiencies that will benefit shippers, intermediaries, airlines, and the environment.

However, rather than extend the debate on this subject by asking for a period to reply to the most recent submissions, IATA requests that the Department close the record and act on its application that was filed on February 7, 2003, in accordance with the Department's procedural requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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